(b) No, Sir.

(c) Inquiry conducted by Air India revealed disproportionate allocation of seats to the GSA, and certain other features like withdrawal of tickets from IATA agents by the GSA, re-issue of Air India documents against documents of other carriers without adequate safeguard and unauthorised payment of incentives.

(d) No, Sir. M/s. Hindustan Travel Services was paying rent for the office space provided by Air India.

Compensation from Airbus Industries for grounding of A-320 aircraft

1127. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India propose to claim damages to the tune of $ 260,000 from Airbus Industrie for the grounding of four A-310 aircraft;

(b) if so, whether Government have conveyed their feelings to the Airbus Industrie;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Airbus Industrie thereof; and

(d) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A claim to the tune of US $1.481 million has been raised by Air India on Airbus Industries regarding corrosion in four A-310-300 aircraft which resulted in their grounding.

(b) to (d) This is a matter to be settled between Air India as the buyer and Airbus Industrie as the supplier of the aircraft.

High cost of fares in Indian Airlines

1128. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 473 given in the Rajya Sabha on 14th July, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fares in Indian Airlines are costlier in comparison to other airlines; and

(b) if so, whether Government would like to reduce the fares?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Formulation of Island Resort Scheme

1129. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 930 given in the Rajya Sabha on 2nd December, 1991 and state:

(a) whether Government have formulated Island Resort Scheme for attracting foreign tourists;

(b) if so, the names of islands proposed to be developed under this scheme; and

(c) the names of other schemes being formulated by Government for attracting foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government propose to give on lease two beach resort sites in Andaman and Nicobar Islands (i.e. Amkunj Beach in Middle Andaman and Radha Nagar in Havelock Island) and two Islands in Lakshadweep (Thinakkara and Cheriyam) for development of beach resorts based on International competitive offers.

(c) In order to attract foreign tourists to the country the Government have formulated National Action Plan for Tourism which was presented in the Parliament on 5th May, 1992.